



Emergency Management

Foster County

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FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION
AND BURN BAN PROCLAMATION
FOR
FOSTER COUNTY
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WHEREAS, Foster County is experiencing abnormally dry conditions coupled with significant fuel supplies resulting in an extreme fire potential; and

WHEREAS, all available resources committed to the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions make fires a continuing threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Foster County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of emergency response and inordinate wear on fire-fighting equipment may be far in excess of available county resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Foster County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency for all of Foster County including all of its incorporated cities except for the City of Carrington, North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of commissioners proclaims that a Burn Ban is in effect until further notice, whenever the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating is "Very High" or "Extreme" and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Foster County and a local burn ban may only be issued upon a declaration of a local emergency or disaster pursuant to N.D.C.C. 37-17.1-10. In order for it to be an enforceable, a fire emergency would have to be declared and within that declaration a burn ban or restrictions can be outline.

The Burn Ban encompasses all of the county's incorporated cities except the City of Carrington, North Dakota. The Burn Ban includes: burning of crop land, garbage burning, campfires, unauthorized off-road motorized travel, and smoking except for in an improved area with a radius of three (3) feet that is free of flammable debris.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANER (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1) PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$1,500.00 FINE AND 30 DAYS IN JAIL. THE FOSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.

A burn ban/fire restriction will be rescinded when fire danger conditions have improved and/or previously diminished fire response capabilities have been restored and has been voted on by the Foster County Commission.


Pat Copenhaver Chairman
Foster County Commission

Date